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March 24, 2016

Rebecca Sawyer
Vice President, Sustainability
Excelsior Mining Arizona, Inc.
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Phoenix, Arizona 85018

Re: Administrative Review
Underground Injection Control (UIC) Area Permit Application
Gunnison Copper Project, Class III, R9UIC-AZ1-FY-16-1
Cochise County, Arizona

Dear Ms. Sawyer,

We have reviewed your responses to our March 4, 2016 Notice of Deficiency letter regarding your Class III UIC permit application in order to determine its administrative completeness. We have determined that the application is administratively complete.

The Technical Review phase will now be in progress until a preliminary decision is made on the Class III UIC permit request and the request for an aquifer exemption. During our Technical Review, we may determine that additional information is required to continue our review. In such instances, we will request such information in hard copy and ask you to update the electronic copy of the permit application.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 415-972-3971, or contact Michele Dermer of my staff at 415-972-3217.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D Albright".

David Albright
Manager, Drinking Water Protection Section

cc: Marcy Mullins, ADEQ